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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant has the following comments regarding the statement of reasons for allowance in the notice of allowance mailed June 13, 2003.

In re-considering Lilley in view of the statement of reasons for allowance, Applicant notes that Lilley does not expressly disclose a method that includes the steps of hydrothermally producing barium titanate-based particles, drying the particles and mixing the particles with a metal alkoxide in an alcohol thereby coating the particles with a metal oxide. However, Applicant finds no teaching in Lilley to maintain barium titanate-based particles in a wet environment between the steps of hydrothermally producing the particles and forming a coating on surfaces of the particles.

Applicant filed an RCE and an IDS on September 12, 2003. Applicant requests that the Examiner consider these comments regarding the statement of reasons for

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allowance when examining the application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments.

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